

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1(Currently Amended). A seal for combustion engines, comprising at least one metal layer having an outer edge region [[and]] defining an outer-most perimeter of said at least one metal layer of predetermined shape at least one pass-through opening formed in the at least one metal layer at a location spaced inwardly from said outer edge region; and a plurality of circumferential, parallel profile sumps formed in at least said outer edge region in circumferentially surrounding, unsymmetrical spaced relation to said at least one pass-through opening and having the shape of the outer-most perimeter in combination with at least one inward profile sump spaced inwardly from and unsymmetrical relative to said plurality of circumferential, parallel profile sumps and circumferentially surrounding relation to said at least one pass-through opening and having the shape of said at least one pass-through opening.

2(Original). The seal of claim 1, wherein said profile sumps are formed as circumferential wave sumps.

3(Original). The seal of claim 1, wherein said profile sumps are formed by a circumferential saw-tooth profile.

4(Original). The seal of claim 1, wherein said profile sumps run parallel to one another and have the same shape.

5(Original). The seal of claim 1, wherein said profile sumps run parallel to one another and have offset cross sections.

6-8(Cancelled).